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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Absolutely no price hikes. My community relies on small local providers. No company - verizon, et. al. - should OWN the internet.

It's time to nationalize the franchise agreements. there should be NO attempts to deregulate current Telecommunications Act policy.

May I remind you of our information services. Title II, telephone service providers are taxed on their revenues from interstate and international calls to support the Universal Service Fund (USF), which collects money from profitable urban areas and subsidizes phone service in (mostly rural) areas where it might otherwise be unaffordable. Telephone service providers are required to interconnect with each other, to compensate each other for completing certain types of calls, and to open their networks to rival service providers at rates set by the government. Under Title VI, cable television providers have programming must carry rules and pay as much as 5 percent of their revenue to local governments under required franchise agreements. The remaining titles establish many other regulatory distinctions.

The 1996 Telecommunications Act. The act required the major phone companies to lease their copper wire infrastructure, on which phone service traveled, to competitors at a regulated price.

Please keep it that way.

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